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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)✓

SUBJECT : Maritime Training Proposal

Reference the Maritime training proposal to go before PRG tomorrow:

1. The real question posed here is---do we want Maritime operations competency four years from now, and this is the way the project is properly put up.

a. Maritime training is a complicated, technical, and time-consuming development program. It is impossible to produce an effective end product short of three or four years.

b. There is absolutely no chance of satisfying the requirements set forth for 1953 and 1954 to any extent at all.

2. If we had operating competence as a result of good training, I raise serious question if operations-wise we are mature and knowledgeable enough to use it without grievous cost in men and money.

3. These requirements as set forth are far from solid. They were developed in about 48 hours and in a very technical field. Requirements such as these particularly should be responsive to a carefully thought-out substantive program wherein the significance of use is the starting point.

4. If the answer to the basic question as set forth in #1 above is "yes", then the proposal is a good one. [REDACTED] can't supply a replacement for such a proposal to any degree at all (this has been examined with [REDACTED]). [REDACTED] can't supplant such a proposal at all with respect to some courses as proposed and to a very minor extent with respect to other courses.

5. Obviously the proposal in terms of cost is set forth on the basis of a substantial number of trainees. Clearly, even when the installation is ready, the start has got to be a very modest one. Hence, there are contained here substantial savings in event approval is voted.

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